

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are active in the present application. Claims 3-7 and 11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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--3. (Amended) A compound (V) as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein component (a) comprises hexamethylene diisocyanate or 1,3-bis(1-methyl-1-isocyanatoethyl)benzene.

4. (Amended) A compound (V) as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the amino carboxylic acids and/or amino carboxylic salts comprise α - or β -amino carboxylic acids, or the Michael adducts of diprimary diamines with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acids or carboxylic salts.

5. (Amended) A compound (V) as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein component (c) comprises aromatic compounds, aliphatic compounds or araliphatic compounds, the araliphatic compounds carrying polyalkylene oxide groups if desired, said compounds having 1 to 20 carbon atoms (not including the carbon atoms of the polyalkylene oxide groups) and having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of secondary amino group, primary amino group and alcoholic hydroxyl group.

6. (Amended) A process for preparing a compound (V) as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, which comprises

I. preparing carbodiimides having terminal isocyanate groups by carbodiimidizing some of the isocyanate groups of component (a), and

II. reacting the isocyanato-terminal compounds prepared in step I with component (b) and, if desired, with components (c) and (d).

7. (Amended) A mixture of a compound (V) as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 and an aqueous dispersion comprising a polymer (P).

11. (Amended) An article adhesively bonded or coated with a mixture as claimed in [any of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, or a textile impregnated with said mixture.--